

**BRIGHAM CITY CORPORATION  
HERITAGE & CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
FOR Wednesday, May 10, 2006**

***MISSION STATEMENT***

*Brigham City Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board is to assist  
Brigham City in developing and encouraging heritage  
and cultural arts resources  
for the enhancement of the community.*

Present:	Jon Adams, Council Member	Kurk Robinette
	Holly Bell, Council Member	Sue Hill, Library Director
	Beth Gurrister, Chair	Lori Hunsaker, Ex-Officio
	Pam Coburn, Board Member	Jolene Kawa, Board Member
	Jolene Crockett, Secretary	Kevin Lane, Board
	Larry Douglass, Museum Director	Susan Neidert, Board Member
	Kelly Driscoll, Board Member	Anna Witesman, Board Member
	Jill Grover, Board Member	Gregg Woodard

Excused: Paul Larsen, Planner & Economic  
Development Director  
Steve Odenthal, Ex-Officio  
Ed Tugaw, Ex-Officio

Absent: Roger Manning, Economic Development Board Liaison  
Mike Phillips, Board Member

**Welcome & Introduction of New Board Member – Chairperson Gurrister**

Chairperson Gurrister welcomed Ms. Grover to the Board. Council Member Bell stated Ms. Grover brings a lot of experience to the table. Chairperson Gurrister asked Ms. Grover to say a few words. Ms. Grover said she is an interior decorator. Chairperson Gurrister said all of us have talents that help with the board. Our talents are like a great mosaic with lights and tones in our community. We are all in this together to make a great community that encourages people to travel to Brigham City.

**Sculpture Discussion – Gregg Woodard**

Chairperson Gurrister introduced Mr. Woodard and spoke about his great sculpting talent. Mr. Woodard said he has been sculpting since 1982. He started out carving birds. He said his father carved birds. His father was a shop teacher and when he was in college he carved some birds. He said they were around the house and he got interested by seeing these birds. His father had a love for the old railroad. Every spring and summer they would go out by Montello and shoot and look for rabbits. He said as he became a sculpture he found wood carving was very limiting. He decided to make the move to

bronze sculpting about 10 or so years ago. He feels he has achieved his goals in carving by winning the world championship twice. He is doing a bit of wood, but avoids it because of the time involvement. He said he moved to Brigham City in 1990 and has fallen in love with this town. He found a piece of land in Harper Ward and built a home there.

As he was growing as a sculpture he drove around town and got ideas. He said he has come up with ½ a dozen ideas for Brigham City. He said the town is like an empty cavern with only one sculpture of a soldier. With the Bird Refuge moving in he had an idea for the visitor center and he presented it to the group and we found the funding to do it. He said he talked to Mr. Douglass about doing a show at the museum. He started developing the rail pieces (eagle on the rail). He said he has run some ads with the rail sculpting and for a marketing idea they have worked very well. For our town they would work well for sculptures. He said he has ideas for a sign on 1100 south and that he has an idea for one down the sidewalk by B&B Billiards as well as a buffalo at the County Court House. Ms. Hill asked about the Library.

Mr. Woodard said he has been asked about the Academy building. He said he is not sure how to go about it but he is willing to try funding avenues. He said he lives here and if he dies and becomes famous this is where he wants to have his work shown. He said this town has a lot of potential as far as tourism. It is a perfect place to stop. If we just shape it a little bit. He feels like the golden spike hasn't been promoted enough and he thinks this would help promote this. He would like a piece or two out there. This is a dream for him.

Mr. Robinette said Mr. Woodard is very humble regarding his ability and he wanted the group to know he is one of the top 2% of carvers in the world and that he is willing to this project work.

Ms. Crockett stated she had a message from Mr. Larsen. She said he expressed his enthusiasm for this project. He also wanted the committee to know that a sub-committee would have to be created. He wanted the committee to know that whoever is part of this committee would have to understand the level of commitment needed to make this project work. Ms. Hill and Mr. Morgan both volunteered to be on this committee.

Mr. Woodard said Ogden has approached him about doing this in their town, but Brigham City is his town and this is where he wants to stage his pieces.

Ms. Witesman said at first the downtown merchants might not be in the position to pay for this, but it would move people around. The people outside of one area of enthusiasm tend to not know it exists. But once you introduce it to the groups that like it, it will bring them here. Chairperson Gurrister said you broaden and deepen the experience. Chairperson Gurrister said she thinks Mr. Woodard is saying we want to express the heart of what we are.

Mr. Douglass said from purely a sculptural stand point your work is very strong. Ms. Witesman said it is the finest of modern art because it uses contemporary technology to do what hasn't been done before.

### **Heritage Arts Festival – Jolene Crockett, Coordinator**

Ms. Crockett gave an overview of the festival and stated everything is in place and waiting for the June 10<sup>th</sup> date! She encouraged everyone to check out the website link on the City webpage at [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov) .

### **Utah Arts Council – Listening Tour – Beth Gurrister, Chair**

- Refreshments – High School is baking cookies. Ms. Coburn prefers water. Suggestion made for Ms. Coburn to check with Peach City for punch donation.
- Invitation list – Ms. Crockett has not received email list from Mr. Odenthal
- Pamphlet – Discussion on captions for pictures. Chairperson Gurrister stated we are looking for generic terms. Ms. Hunsaker, Ms. Crockett and Ms. Grover were asked to participate in the word smithing. They agreed.
- Publicity – Pam Coburn/Lori Hunsaker  
Ms. Hunsaker got in touch with Lynette Hiskey at the Utah Arts Council and she has had somewhat of a discussion with her. They want the public to know they are here to listen. They want to hear concerns, suggestions, and ways to help us. Chairperson Gurrister asked if Council Member Bell and Adams would be able to attend on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Council Member Adams said he would be able to attend.
- . String quartet – Anna Witesman  
Ms. Witesman has asked Aspen Strings perform and they have agreed. She needs to know when and where they would be playing. They are absolutely opposed to playing while people leave. Ms. Crockett asked if they could play while people arrived. She said yes. The group agreed having them upstairs in the Community Center would be best.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Utah Arts Council – May 31st

Heritage Arts Festival – June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Other Business:**

Ms. Gurrister said she is in the process of finishing the Declaration for June being Heritage and Cultural Arts month. She said she will bring it to Ms. Crockett and she can refine it where needed. Ms. Crockett will submit the Agenda Item for the May 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm